

JAMES BOYLAN.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 143.]

MARCH 5, 1840.

MR. STEENROD, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of James Boylan, agree to the report made to the 3d session of the 25th Congress, and report:*

"That the petitioner made an application for a pension under the act of 1832. In the declaration made for that purpose, it is stated by the petitioner that he was born in the State of New Jersey, in the year 1755, and performed military service as a draughted militiaman, for more than one year, between the month of April, 1776, and the fall of 1777. This service was performed under different officers, among whom he particularly recollects Captain Logan, Captain McCoy, Captain Van Zuyl, and Captain Seaburn. He was verbally discharged in the fall of 1777, and returned home. Immediately after his return home, he was enlisted into the continental service, by Sergeant Scott, for three years, and was mustered in Captain McCoy's company. He gives the names of the officers of the company, and says he was attached to the Catteneau battalion, commanded by General Lincoln. Shortly after his enlistment, he was marched to Boundbrook, where he remained through the winter of 1777-'78. During the winter of 1778, he was stationed at Millstone creek: in the fall was marched back to Middlebrook, to go into winter-quarters. About Christmas he was taken prisoner by the British, and carried to Brunswick, where he was detained a prisoner for about two months, when he was permitted to go home on parole. He did not again enter the service. This narrative of the revolutionary services of James Boylan is corroborated by the affidavit of Aaron Parkinson, now of the county of Onondaga, State of New York. This witness states that he was born in the same neighborhood with James Boylan, grew up with him, and that they were afterwards fellow-soldiers in the service of their country. The affidavit of Parkinson confirms, throughout, the sworn declaration of Boylan.

"The characters of James Boylan and Aaron Parkinson are proved to be good, and their statements entitled to credit, by testimony of the highest respectability.

"The committee report a bill granting a pension to the petitioner for two years' service."

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